<u>IN THE ABSTRACT</u>

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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--~~The~~ <u>A</u> compression method ~~which is the object of the present invention~~ adapts a digital format in which information representing a physical quantity is accompanied by predictable data ~~whose~~ <u>having a</u> value ~~is~~ independent of that of the information representing a physical quantity. ~~It~~ <u>The method</u> includes an operation of reducing the number of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> predictable data, the data and information representing a physical quantity resulting from this reduction operation being able to allow the reconstitution of predictable data accompanying the information representing a physical quantity, in accordance with ~~said~~ <u>the</u> digital format. Preferentially, the reduction operation includes:~~:~~ a step of removing the predictable data, and ~~:~~ a step of inserting ~~so-called~~ substitution data, ~~whose~~ <u>having a</u> number ~~is~~ less than the number of data removed during the removal step. ~~(Figure 8)~~

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